

55448. "'Habathi.'" This is poorer in quality than the other two varieties (S.P.I. Nos. 55449 and 55450), but gives a larger crop."

55449. "'Sandalawi.'" This is the best variety as far as quality is concerned."

55450. "'Schehabi.'" This is quite mediocre both in quality and yield."

*Cucurbita pepo* (Cucurbitaceae), 55367. **Squash.** From Paris, France. Seeds presented by Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co. The "Naples squash" has trailing stems usually about 10 feet long, and dull-green leaves with grayish white veins and spots. The cylindrical fruit is up to 2 feet in length, with smooth dark-green skin which becomes yellow when the fruit is ripe. The orange-colored flesh is abundant and sweet. This variety is very productive and the fruit is of excellent quality, keeps well, but ripens rather late. (Adapted from Robinson, *The Vegetable Garden*, p. 326.)

*Cucurbita pepo* (Cucurbitaceae), 55463. **Squash.** From Paris, France. Seeds purchased from Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co. "Courge de Mirepoix" (Mirepoix Musk squash). A variety cultivated in southern France, with a strong trailing stem, large erect leaves with rounded lobes, and pear-shaped, slightly ribbed fruits which are dark green streaked with light green. The flesh is dark red, firm, and fragrant. (Adapted from Robinson, *The Vegetable Garden*, p. 327.)

*Dioscorea esculenta* (Dioscoreaceae), 54975. **Lesser yam.** From Mayaguez, Porto Rico. Tubers presented by T. B. McClelland, horticulturist, Porto Rico Agricultural Experiment Station. "Potato." A small-tubered variety from Africa, resembling the Irish potato and known in Porto Rico as the "potato" yam. In some places it is considered among the best for home planting, and in a few city markets it brings good prices.

The vines of this variety are slender, and round stemmed, with short, strong, sharp spines; there are two longer spines at the base of each leaf petiole. The leaves appear alternately. The edible tubers develop near the crown of the plant much the same as sweet potatoes. They are oval and up to 8 inches in length and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter. As they are small and not easily injured, these roots can usually be kept longer after being harvested than the larger rooted kinds. They are smooth, dark grayish brown, and